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From: Maximilian M Safarpour [maximilian.safarpour@basf.com]
Sent: 7/24/2017 12:25:56 PM
To: Keigwin, Richard [Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Dicamba: BASF holds press conference to address dicamba issue

Good Morning Rick,
I am heading to Arkansas now and will return on Wednesday and will call you after 11:30.
Happy Monday,
Max

From: Keigwin, Richard
Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 3:31 PM
To: Maximilian M Safarpour
Subject: RE: Dicamba: BASF holds press conference to address dicamba issue

Max—

Thanks for your note. Wednesday morning is best for me, preferably after 11:30am. Please call my cell: 

--Rick

From: Maximilian M Safarpour [mailto:maximilian.safarpour@basf.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 5:57 PM
To: Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Dicamba: BASF holds press conference to address dicamba issue

Hi Rick,
Hope all are well. Just FYI- some of my colleague's investigation have been outlined below.
When will be a good time to call you next Wednesday thru Friday for a few minutes conversation.
Regards,
Max

From: Jeffrey S Murray
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 3:09 PM
To: Jeffrey H Birk; Richard L Braddock; Wendy Bair Johnson; Andrew J Goetz; John J Arthur; Ada M Breaux; Maximilian M Safarpour; Judy H Fersch; Janet Hou
Subject: Dicamba: BASF holds press conference to address dicamba issue

FYI – Jeff

http://www.hpij.com/crops/basf-holds-press-conference-to-address-dicamba-issue/article_89cf572c-6d5e-11e7-80c1-4fd2952f41a6.html

BASF holds press conference to address dicamba issue

By Doug Rich

BASF representatives held a media briefing July 19 to provide more information in regard to the ongoing dicamba situation.

Dan Westburg, BASF technical service manager for the Delta region, gave a brief report on his observations after traveling through northeast Arkansas, the Bootheel of Missouri and northwest Tennessee over the past four weeks. The problems he saw in fields across that region could be lumped in to two broad categories.

The first category is a clear indication of physical drift that occurred during application. Westburg said these are easy to figure out because they have a good idea of the source and there is a gradient going across the non-dicamba tolerant field.

“In all of the cases I looked at in Arkansas the requirement for downwind buffer was not followed,” Westburg said. “In some cases there was zero buffer and most of the time it was only the width of a ditch or the width of a field row.”

The second category is a uniform symptomology in non-dicamba tolerant soybean fields where there is no obvious source. Westburg said one way this can occur is with some kind of tank contamination. In some cases they could not identify any type of tank contamination, however. Application late in the evening or even at night during a temperature inversion could be a possible cause for this type of injury.

If the boom height is not correct and the wrong nozzle size is being used it just makes the situation worse.

Gary Schmitz, BASF technical service manager for the corn belt, said growers in his region are dealing with a variety of resistant weeds.

“Engenia has been a great tool for growers to manage these weeds in soybeans,” Schmitz said. “For the most part Engenia applications have gone on successfully. But we do have cases we are investigating where there was off-target movement and our goal is to make sure we are supporting our customers and even growers that did not purchase our product.”

Schmitz said early indications are that most of the off-target movement in his region is the result of spray particle drift. In some areas it was clear that not all of the label requirements had been followed, particularly as it related to boom height and nozzle selection.

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